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In re application of

Jean-Yves Sireau

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following are Applicant's comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included in the Notice of Allowability mailed February 21, 2007 (hereinafter "the Statement").

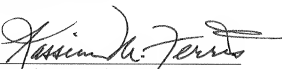
The Statement appears to paraphrase certain language from some of the claims, but refers to some aspects that are not recited in all of the claims and others that are not recited in any of the claims. For example, the Statement refers to "a central processing machine in communication with a data feed . . . and a user terminal . . .". However, none of these elements are recited in independent method claim 66. The Statement also points out that the system of MINDES et al. (WO 00/9804991 A1) requires a betting pool, apparently distinguishing the invention claimed in the present application.¹ However, the concept of a

¹ The last sentence of the first full paragraph on page 3 of the Notice of Allowability is actually truncated. When read in context, however, the last sentence appears to state that the operator of a system for betting on financial markets has little prospect of establishing a betting pool as in the system of MINDES et al., due to the variety of bet criteria that may be possible in financial markets betting. By proceeding with issuance of this application, the applicant is not conceding that the claims are necessarily limited to systems and methods allowing a wide variety of different bet criteria or that are otherwise not amenable to a forming betting pool."

betting pool (or an absence thereof) is not a limitation of the allowed claims. Furthermore, certain claims include distinguishing limitations other than or in addition to the specific claim language and differences recited in the Statement as reasons for allowing the claims over the cited references.

There are other aspects of the Statement which do not apply to the claims as allowed. Nonetheless, it is submitted that the claims in their present form are allowable over the items of record.

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